

God Leads His People

Scripture: Exodus 12:31-42 and 13:17-22

Key Verse: "...Your hand will guide me..." Psalm 139:10

Make it stick: Ask for a child volunteer. Use a scarf or blindfold one child who volunteers to do this. Lead them carefully around the room. Explain to the children that the blindfolded child doesn't know where to go unless he/she listens to your instructions. Tell children that we should listen to God and follow Him. He will tell us the things we need to do.

Bible Lesson

Lesson Goal: The children will understand that God used Moses to lead His people. God also leads us today in different ways.

Bible Lesson:

Review past Moses lessons. Remind children that the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. God called Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Moses told the Pharaoh that God said, "Let my people go." After several plagues the Israelites left Egypt. Read scripture lesson from an easy to understand translation or Children's Bible. Emphasize the following principles as you read the scripture.

Key Principles:

1. God had told Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.
2. After many plagues, the Pharaoh let the Israelites go.
3. Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt toward the desert. They were going to a new, wonderful land.
4. The Israelites didn't have a map to know which way to go. God showed the Israelites where to go. God talked to Moses and then Moses told the people what God said.
5. God led the people. He went ahead of them, covered by a cloud at day and fire by night.
6. The people followed the cloud and fire. When it moved they moved and when it stopped they stopped.
7. God leads us today in different ways—His Word, His Spirit, and His teachers (parents, preachers).
8. God wants us to follow Him just as the Israelites did. When we obey God we are following God.

Application:

1. Where were the Israelites living as slaves? (Egypt)
2. Who did God choose to lead the Israelites out of Egypt? (Moses)
3. When the pharaoh finally let the Israelites leave, where did Moses lead them? (to the desert)

4. How did the Israelites know where to go and what to do? (God told Moses and Moses told the people)
5. How did God show Himself to the Israelites as He led them? (a cloud at day and fire at night)
6. Does God lead us the same way He did the Israelites? (He leads us but not with a cloud of fire)
7. How can we know when God is leading us to do something? (God uses His Word, the Bible, to lead us. He also uses our parents and preachers. Also, sometimes we will feel that we are being led to do something. For example: when we see someone sitting by themselves at Awana or school, we feel like we should go talk to them and make them feel welcome. This is God's spirit leading us to show His love to others.)

Activity

Cloud by day & Fire by night—

Take a light blue construction paper and black construction paper and cut in halves. Glue a half sheet of blue and a half sheet of black together back to back. On the blue side glue cotton balls to look like a cloud. Draw a picture of flames on white paper and cut out. Glue the flames on the black side, color orange and yellow and glue on gold glitter. You may be able to find orange glitter or sand at a craft store to glue on the flames. Remind children that this is the way God showed Himself to lead the Israelites each day and night.

Handprint – Let children trace their hand and cut it out or color it. If cut out, glue it to a piece of paper. Write key verse beside it.

Wrap up

Prayer time: Ask God to lead us in His will for our lives. Help us to follow and obey when God leads us to do something for Him.

Extension:

Where does God lead His people today?

Missionaries

School

Jobs

Do something for a neighbor

Toddler time: Play follow the leader.

Materials needed:

Blindfold

Blue & Black construction paper

White paper

Scissors

Glue

Cotton balls

Crayons

Gold Glitter

